

BIASED UTILITY RECEPTACLE ASSEMBLY

ABSTRACT

A pivoting utility receptacle assembly for use with a work surface, such as a desktop. The assembly includes a base member positionable within an opening in the work surface and a receptacle member that is pivotally mounted to the base member. A biasing member is engaged between the receptacle member and the base member, and biases the receptacle member to a partially exposed position with respect to the base member. The assembly also has a locking mechanism including a latch on the receptacle member which engages the base member and secures the receptacle member in a closed position with respect to the base member until such time as it is desired to expose the receptacle member. The movement of the receptacle member out of the base member under the influence of the biasing member is controlled by a movement controlling assembly engaged between the receptacle member and the base member.